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RECIPIENT OF PERFORMANCE CASH AWARD

W. E. Mosby, County Supervisor, FmHA, is shown presenting Mildred A. Hammock with check in the amount of $200 given her for Performance Cash Award.

Mrs. Hammock, County Office Assistant, Farmers Home Administration, Appomattox County office, was judged on her performance from February 1, 1977 to March 10, 1978. As county office assistant, she is salaried at $10,955.00 annually. She was recommended for the award based on the fact that her work exceeded normal requirements of her job during the cited period . I addition to her duties, Mrs. Hammock personally trained 5 new clerk typist all of which are now highly effective FmFA employees; coordinated the typing and sending of 300 to 400 letters a month to delinquent borrowers which resulted in reducing the delinquency rate by 5% during this period; personally typed as well as supervised the preparation of more than 100 credit sales which reduced property in Government Inventory by more than 30 units, and she worked extra hours without pay which resulted in this office completely processing and delivering the checks for 100 emergency loans without additonal help. Mrs. Hammock has been relentless in seeing that the administrative functions of this office operate efficiently and without fanfare.

Mr. Mosby said it was with pleasure that he recommended Mrs. Hammock for this Performance Cash Award in the amount of $200.00.

RED CROSS FUND GOAL ACHIEVED

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support to the program.

Campaign workers contributed many hours soliciting funds and recruiting other persons to assist in the campaign. Without these persons, the campaign could not have been a success. These persons are Mrs. Peggy Lawson, Miss Laurie Cowan, Miss Cheryl Walton, Miss Laura Walton, Mrs. Aileen Harvey, Mrs. Peggy Marshall, Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Mrs. Gordon Bragg, Mrs. Fannie Farrar, Mrs. Georgia Fleshman, Mrs. Ruth Drinkard, Mr. Frank Sweet and 4-H Teen Leaders, Rev. Ernie Lucas, Mrs. Gayle Williams, Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Mr. William A. Hunter, Mrs. R. H. McFadden, Mrs. J. A. Mathews and Mrs. L. C. Reynolds.

"It was a pleasure to work with the campaign committee" stated Lloyd Walton. "Cooperation, support and acceptance of responsibility by each committee member accounr for the achievement of the fund goal," he continued.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT - WHO? COME AND FIND OUT ...

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The Pastor Speaks

May is a very important month this year in the life of Christians (what month isn't).

Two of the major festivals of the Christian Year occur in May. They are the Feast Day of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ on May 4th (40th day counting Easter Day) and the Feast Day of Pentecost (50th day counting Easter) on May 14th. Then on the first Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the Festival of the Blessed and Holy Trinity.

This should certainly provide some food for thought for this column this month.

It is almost unexplainable how Christians (The Feast Day of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ) and Easter (The Feast Day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ) and should have come to be so fervently celebrated while so much of Christendom ignores many other annual celebrations of events in our Lord's life, the life of His mother, The Blessed Virgin Mary, and the life of our mother, the Church.

The Feast Day of the Ascension always occurs on the 40th day from Easter and thus is always on a Thursday (maybe that's why it's neglected).

Our Lord said many things, of course, but some of the latter sayings are brought to mind around this time when we recall our Lord's imminent departure from his followers. Many of these sayings can be thought of as being particularly relevant to the Church that was to come - the Church, the people of God - the Church, the Body of Christ inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit of God who was in Jesus reconciling humanity and divinity.

One of the things our Lord said was that it was necessary that He depart so that the Holy Spirit could come to the followers. He also said that if He did not depart the Holy Spirit would not come.

Jesus did indeed leave their physical presence and the Holy Spirit did indeed come to the Upper Room and "ordain" the Apostles. Since then we have been blessed with a structured Christendom with its Bishops, Presbyters, Deacons, and Laity.

But the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church and your membership in the Church is not the end. True, we believe that the Spirit does inspire the Body of Christ. But just as the fresh air we breathe fills our lungs but does more for us as we eat and exercise properly, so the Holy Spirit who inspires the Body is dependent on the several parts of the Body (you and me) exercising and nourishing ourselves so that the Spirit can nourish each part (you and me) to function properly.

What are these exercises and nutrients? Well, I think of personal prayer, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, regular personal examination and confession, good works for the sake of Almighty God, adoration of the Blessed Trinity. I'm sure you can think of more to add to this such as corporate worship.

The Body functions best when it is cared for properly. Resolve to do your part more diligently.

Harmon Smith, Vicar
St. Anne's Church,
Appomattox, Va.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

THE AGE OF MIRACLES

Lesson for May 7, 1978

Background Scripture: Acts 9:32-43
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 35:3-10

Rev. Althouse

When I was a young pastor I would just as soon avoid passages of scripture like the story of Simon Peter raising Dorcas from death at Joppa. I found the concept of miracles unsettling. Oh, to be sure, I could have explained this story with the idea that Dorcas had not really been dead, but only seemed dead. Thus, we might reason that Peter did not bring her back to life, but only revived her from a coma or loss of consciousness. Of course, the writer of Acts did not say that she only seemed dead, he definitely said that she had "died."

But Peter prayed

Another loophole would have been the oft-repeated idea that the age of miracles was limited to the Biblical period that ended with the completion of the New Testament. Now that is a tidy little explanation, except that it doesn't stand up under examination. There is nowhere in the New Testament where it is suggested that the age of miracles is to be limited in time. Quite the contrary. Jesus indicated that his followers would do even greater works than he.

So, caught on the horns of those two dilemmas, I generally tried to skip over such passages. If I couldn't reconcile them, at least I could ignore them!

In those days I saw these stories as being quite contrary to the principles of science. Confident that a scientific view of the world left no place for miracles, I avoided the question as best I could. Today, however, I no longer find miracles contrary to science. Our scientific worldview has changed greatly since I was a young man. We have had to change radically our view of what is and is not possible. Today, instead of being smug about how much we know about our natural world, we tend to be more humble in the face of what we don't know.

Today I do not find it difficult to believe that Peter prayed and Dorcas was restored to life. Nor do I find it hard to believe that God is still performing mighty works like that today.

Many believed

One reason is that I have seen people healed by the power of faith before my own eyes. I have spoken with people who "died" (were pronounced clinically "dead") and were resuscitated back to life by their physician. I do not find it hard to believe that what Peter did with Dorcas in restoring her to life, Christ's followers can do today as well.

Miracles are not really contrary to science, I have realized, only contrary to what we know of science. They represent an area of reality that is still largely unknown to us. But just because something is unknown, doesn't mean it isn't real or cannot happen. If science has taught us anything, it is that we should never say "never." The age of miracles is not over.

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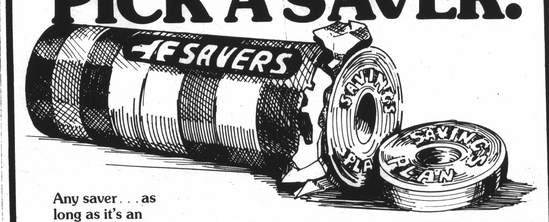

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The picture above is the club members anxiously working to complete their flowers. From left to right, Terri Robinson, Cheryl Walton, Bonnie Drinkard, Sally Coleman, Laurie Cowan, James Beaty, Laura Walton, Ryan Murphy, Beverly Coleman and Donna Robinson, not pictured.

Kinkle Robinson and Alex Almond prepared refreshments for the club.

Cheryl Walton adjourned the meeting.

James Beaty, Reporter

Falling River 4-H Club Plans Banquet

On Thursday, April 27, 1978, the Falling River 4-H Club met at Mrs. Anne Robinson's and discussed a banquet that would be held at a future time. There will be a meeting of the Banquet Committee May 11, 1978; James Beaty will be barbecuing chicken at the banquet and other food will be prepared.

We talked about a community project to make our neighborhood a more beautiful one.

A program on making Decorative Material Flowers was presented by James Beaty and co-worker, Laura Walton.

OPEN FOR HOME TOUR - The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a Home Tour on May 21st from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. One of the homes on the tour will be the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Fedison. The home of Tyrolean design is located on five acres of grounds complete with a fruit orchard and tree house. Interesting features of the Fedison home include a complete kitchen, orchid-filled greenhouse, built-in sewing center and a finished basement with a family room. Plan on visiting this lovely home on May 21st!

PRIMARY MENU

Mon., May 8 - Beef stew, peanut butter cookies, creamed potatoes, gravy, string beans, roll, butter, milk, fruit.

Tues., May 10 - Hot dog on bun, carrot and cabbage slaw, pork & beans, pudding, milk

Wed., May 11 - Hamburger on bun, steamed cabbage, potato puff, milk, cookie

Thurs., May 12 - Barbecue on bun, black-eyed peas, chilled tomatoes, banana pudding, milk.

Fri., May 13 - Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, apple sauce, ice cream, milk.

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